ANDOVERSFORD PARISH COUNCIL.
Minutes of
Andoversford Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 1st October 2026 at 7.30pm at Andoversford Village Hall.

Public Session
One member of the public was in attendance. Mike Cuttell outlined his hopes for the land he purchased earlier this year and explained that he has been advised that part of the land is classed as flood prone. He hopes to plant several trees in this area. No planning application has been submitted at this stage, and the Parish Council agreed to await the submission of any plans before making any comments.
MC suggested that the entrance will be from his existing farm driveway from the A40.

1	**Apologies:** Received and accepted from Cllr I Hampton. County Cllr Paul Hodgkinson In attendance: Cllr Haines, Cllr Evans & Cllr Burrow, Cllr Baxter.
2	**Declaration of Interests:** a. Register of Interests; Councillors were reminded to update their register of interests if necessary. b. Declaration of any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature. - none c. declare any prejudicial interests on the agenda and their nature. . - none
3	**Approval and discuss any actions arising from Previous Meeting's Minutes:** Agreed and approved the minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held in September 2026. The minutes were signed and filed.
4	**Grass Cutting in village:** • Grass cutting has resumed due to better weather. **Burial Ground:** • No further action required at present**.**
5	Planning: Erection of two storey side extension, single storey rear extension including alterations to porch and internal and external works. Widening of existing parking area and dropped kerb 34 Station Road Andoversford Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 4LA No: 26/02472/FUL **Awaiting Decision** Removal of existing 20th-century metal windows and replace with matching replicas, retaining all existing C18 stone mullions and masonry. New windows will replicate the existing proportions, opening arrangements, glazing patterns and detailing The Mount Gloucester Road Andoversford Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 4LD Ref. No: 26/02157/LBC **Application Withdrawn** Compliance with conditions 4 (drainage scheme) and 5 (CEMP) of permission 23/01529/FUL - Erection of a detached bungalow with associated landscaping and parking; removal of dormer from existing bungalow (resubmission) Sunnyside Gloucester Road Andoversford Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 4HR Ref. No: 26/01984/COMPLY Condition 4 - Surface Water Drainage details: **Refused** Condition 5 - Construction Environmental Management Plan (reference no: SSU-CEMP-001 - version 1 undated): **Approved** **Local Plan Update** Cllr Baxter has reviewed the Local Plan where Andoversford is mentioned and has summarised it as shown: https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/media/qwjna5bh/cotswold-local-plan_site-selection-topic-paper_final_v2_july-2026.pdf

	Local Plan: In Summary A. CDC have stated that we are anticipated to have a low level of additional housing growth. B. A2 is the only area in the Parish that has been nominated for housing (52) C. There is a timeline for development 2038/39 phase 1 of 26 houses and 2039/40 for the other 26 houses. D. The access is still via Templefields E. All other areas put forward by landowners are seen as having a high landscape sensitivity (A3A, A3B, A4, A5, A9A, A10A, A12). F. No mention of A11A/B (Foxes Moon paddock) G. There is a section discussing cycle routes and restoring/using where possible the former railway links between Andoversford - Cirencester; Andoversford - Cheltenham; and a quiet lane between Andoversford and Bourton. H. Water Treatment plants - Andoversford treatment plant designated AMBER but with a plan to increase capacity/storage already in place. It is claimed we have a capacity for 541 dwellings in total. I. It contains a section on well being and potential requirements; safe routes to school (especially from new estate (A2); creation of allotments; reduce surface water run-off by installing water-butts on Parish Council buildings with a view to installing rain water harvesting if/when funds are available. Note – the Parish Council own the bus shelters. More details to be discussed at the next meetings.
6	**Highways + Prow:**. • Cllr Evans has submitted the what three words location for the village gates to Gloucestershire Highways and the Clerk and Cllr Evans are working together to find a Streetworks Contractor who can install the gates when they are approved and purchased. • Cllr Evans will liaise with the school and Highways regarding the road markings that are being consulted on by Highways. It was noted that the school would like the zig zag markings outside the gates to be reinstated but felt that making the whole layby no parking would not be necessary. • It was noted that the Police require their speed cameras to be returned. There has been no activity with the Speed Awareness group over the summer.
7	**Waterways + Snow Warden: Waterways:** • **Waterways** – nothing to report. • **Snow Warden –**.nothing to report.
8	**Club reports (Football/ Village Hall and Cricket Club, any others)** The Cricket Club are hoping to apply for a grant for regeneration of the Club facilities. The overall idea would be to aim get funding for: • general tidying up of the area around the sports field. • There is a spring water related issue to deal with in the area that now impacting the bin area in the play area. • The groundwork for the Storage Facility • Storage Facility • Upgrades/Replacement of Play area Equipment and costs • Changes to in the internal layout of Sports Pavilion and replacement of showers (these are a requirement to increase the size of the changing rooms - the changing rooms are designed to host individuals from late 1990's and team numbers have increased since then and kit bags have increased. It is felt it would be better to change the internal layout rather than have an extension.

- It was agreed that the Parish Council support the application of a grant by the Cricket Club.
- A large amount of soil needs to be removed from the edge of the sport field, which was left over from the upgrade to the cricket square. The Cricket Club are looking into how to dispose of this.
- The Village Club is experiencing a major water leak, and this is currently under investigation to find the cause. The Club is unable to open until this can be fixed.

9 **Finance: Clerk:** -

a. Agreed payments made and approved payments made since last meeting.
b. Reviewed current spending and approved forthcoming financial issues
c. Received Current Balance
d. Discussed increase in Burial Ground fees but agreed to move this to the next meeting with any increase to start in the New Year– Clerk to research fees from neighbouring areas
e. Discussed and agreed terms for new finance policy. This will be approved at the next meeting.

SUMMARY	£	£
COST CODES	PAID OUT	PAID IN
ADM admin	4325.59	679.46
CRK cricket	1500.00	0.00
BRL burial ground	2155.00	650.00
VIL village upkeep	2491.83	0.00
PLY playground	118.80	0.00
OTH other	2500.00	0.00
PRC precept	0.00	24550.00
TOTAL	13091.22	25879.46
Bank balance at	05 October 2026	
	£39022.16	

10 **Village Communications, Website & Correspondence –**
Emergency preparedness plan was discussed and although the Parish Council do not own any community building, it was agreed that a plan could be written in liaison with the Village Hall and/or Church Room. The idea of an informal WhatsApp group could be started with voluntary sign up for anyone who would be willing to help in an emergency – such as 4wd drivers for bad weather or first aiders. This will be researched and discussed again at the next meeting.

11 **Village Maintenance**

a) Defib: working
b) Trees and Horse Trough: all fine
c) Any other village matters - none
d) Broken Grit bin in Templefields, Mirror on Pine Halt, repair of Bench by Bus Shelter on Station Road – Cllr Haines to repair

12 **Next Meeting**: **Thursday 12th November 2026** at 7.30pm at Andoversford Village Hall Committee Room. Public forum at 7.30pm with meeting to follow. Meeting concluded at 21.25pm